

MINUTES
Town of North
November 13, 2006
North Town Hall

Mayor Jeffcoat called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m. and declared a quorum. Present were Council members Binyard, Gleaton and Drew. Councilwoman Lane was unable to attend. Also in attendance were Mark Fallaw, Chief of Police, and Carrie Windham, Town Clerk.

Mayor Jeffcoat welcomed visitors.

Councilman Gleaton made a motion to approve the Minutes from the October 9, 2006 meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Binyard, and upon vote Minutes were approved.

Highway 321 Report:

Mr. Jeffcoat reported that Jamie Steele was unable to attend, but said that asphalt should be poured this week and sidewalk next week. According to Mr. Steele, they are on track to have the project completed by December 9, 2006.

Water/Sewer Report:

Mr. Jeffcoat presented the water sewer report for October 2006, (copy attached).

Police Report:

Chief Fallaw reviewed the North Police report (copy attached). Chief noted that the number of speeding tickets are up, primarily due to extra enforcement at the request of citizens and to keep construction area safe. Of the large number of "no proof of insurance" citations, about 50% subsequently provide proof of insurance coverage. Chief also notified council that he struck a deer in the Tahoe on November 1st. He added the possible benefits of investing in brush guards. Mayor inquired as to whether or not funds for these guards was put into this year's budget, however Chief indicated that no funds have been set aside yet. Chief also discussed with council the possibility of running for Vice President of South Carolina Police Chief's Association, which would be a three year commitment. It would require some time away from his normal job duties, but that time would be minimal, the most being in the third year when he would put on the Chief's Conference. The benefit would be notoriety for the Town of North. Councilman Gleaton made a motion to support Chief Fallaw in this endeavor, seconded by Councilwoman Binyard, and upon vote all agreed.

Old Business:

- Jeffcoat indicated that the auditors have not returned our phone calls and have not held up to their promise of having FY 2005 audit completed by now. We may need to look into other possibilities of agencies for future years.
- Mayor Jeffcoat reviewed the financial statement (attached). He noted that incoming funds are sporadic and difficult to accurately budget on a monthly basis.

New Business:

Jeffcoat reported the Community of Character Trait for September is Gratitude.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Jeffcoat gave notification that the Town will have a Christmas Parade this year on Sunday, November 26th. Line up will be at 3:00p.m. and the parade will start at 4:00p.m. Due to construction, the route is still uncertain at this time. Mayor Jeffcoat asked council if they would like to see a float for the Town of North. All council members present indicated they would like to have a float for the Town of North. Mayor Jeffcoat also asked council about a fireworks show. Present council members once again agreed.

Mayor Jeffcoat pointed everyone's attention to the Mayor's Christmas Tree display prepared by Katie at Touch of Class. The Mayor will deliver this tree to Orangeburg to be displayed along with trees from other towns.

Public Comments:

Mayor Jeffcoat asked for any public comments. Bruce Buckheister inquired into whether or not the town could ask the railroad to cut the trees and bushes back that are overgrown around the railroad. He also mentioned that the Day of Prayer was a great service, but hopes for more coverage and better town participation next year.

Chief Fallaw then made mention of the arrest of Akeem Henry, who was arrested downtown last week stemming from an anonymous tip that was followed up on. Chief Fallaw reminded the public how important it is for the public to be involved in crime watch.

There being no further business, Mayor Jeffcoat adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Joe Gleaton closed the meeting in prayer.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Carrie Windham

APPROVED: NOVEMBER 13, 2006 MINUTES

Mayor Earl Jeffocat: _____

Council Members:

Paul Drew: _____

Rose Binyard: _____

Harriett Lane: _____

Aubrey Gleaton: _____